

*Injury doubts over Gamblin and Williams*

# BARKING PRESENT REAL TEST FOR BLUES ATTACK

**DEREK GAMBLIN**, who played such an important part in Wycombe Wanderers 6-2 triumph over Egham Town in the F.A. Cup last week, is rated as only 50-50 for tomorrow's (Saturday) Isthmian League fixture against Barking at Loakes Park.

The full back has a cut on the knee which ruled him out of Monday night's 8-0 thrashing of Oxford City—Paul Birdseye taking over. Against City, Birdseye's performance was well below par although his colleagues set a pretty high standard with four goals in each half.

Only other casualty is Rob Williams who came off at half time for Tony Amos due to a heel injury.

The side will probably be the same as against Egham, with Birdseye possibly in for Gamblin and Mick Holifield retaining the number seven shirt in place of Amos by virtue of his fine performance against Oxford when he scored two goals.

## LOWER REGIONS

Barking, although currently unbeaten in ten outings, have started the season badly and are in the lower regions of the table. But their away record shows a marked improvement to their home results and includes a narrow defeat 1-0 at Walton and Hersham.

Walton in fact had Dave Morris to thank on Tuesday for earning a replay at Leytonstone in the F.A. Cup second qualifying round. They were 2-1 down in the closing stages when Morris gave them the chance of another tie at Stompond Lane. Both Wycombe manager Brian Lee and assistant John Reardon were at the game—the winners meet Wycombe in the next round.

There have been several new faces at Barking this season including goalkeeper Dickenson, currently in top form after joining from Athenians Dagenham. Janes and Bullman have come from Walthamstow and Ilford respectively while veteran Vic Cogger joined the attack after Nevil Fox went to Dagenham.

The side is led by England International Page, who tops the goalscoring charts with 11 so far this term. Centre half Anderson has also been commanding in the heart of the Essex side's defence.

Wycombe fans will probably remember the visit to Barking last year when Wanderers lost a five-match unbeaten record, going down 2-1. But in the return at home, the Blues reversed the scoreline with goals from Holifield and Tony Horseman.

With 14 goals in the last two matches, the Wanderers attack

must be feeling on top form. But the opposition in those two games was below the average league standard—and Barking should present a sterner test tomorrow.

On Tuesday, Wycombe entertain an Isthmian League XI at Loakes Park for the annual game against the champions. In the squad are six internationals and this time the league have tried to spread selection more

than last year, when Sutton and St. Albans supplied most of the players.

Peter Deadman (Hendon) leads the side which includes Bobby Hatt (Hayes), Les Tilley (Leytonstone), Johnny Baker, Alan Phillips (both Hendon) and John Butterfield (Enfield) who scored both England's goals in their 2-1 victory over Ireland at Norwich last week (full preview in Mid-week).